

LAKEWOOD - Working to improve commuting and safety in local communities, Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (CA-39) presented a check for \$1.48 million to Mayor Joseph Esquivel and other Lakewood officials on Wednesday to be used in partnership with local funds to help refurbish Paramount Boulevard and help with Lakewood's effort to repair and upgrade its bus shelters and bus stops around the city.

"Last year, when a major transportation bill was going through Congress, I asked Lakewood city leaders how I could be helpful on city transportation issues. Repairing Paramount Boulevard and improving the city's bus stops were at the top of their list," said Congresswoman Sánchez. "For every dollar paid in federal taxes, the state of California receives only 76 cents back. I am very pleased I was able to secure a fair share of those taxes for transportation improvements in Lakewood."

Congresswoman Linda Sánchez also met with Mayor Joseph Esquivel and other city officials to discuss important issues facing the city. Each year, Congresswoman Sánchez meets with mayors and other city officials from every city in the 39th District to identify ways the federal government can assist them.

"I rely on the meetings with local leaders to determine the needs and priorities of each community, and discuss ways in which I can work to bring more federal dollars back to the 39th District," added Sánchez.

"Congresswoman Sánchez has come through again for Lakewood," said Lakewood Mayor Joseph Esquivel. "We'll use this new federal funding to expand a program of bus stop improvements the city has already begun," concluded Esquivel.